

UVM Staff Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2021
12:05-1:30 PM
Microsoft Teams & Jost Foundation Room – Davis Center

Please note that the content below is a summary;
for the full context the video recording of the meeting must
be referenced, available on the [Staff Council website](#).

Chair: Jon Reisenweaver

Attending: April Berteau, Bob Bolyard, Kristen Cella, Monika Donlevy, Jenna Emerson, Krysta Gingue, Nichole Hathaway, Mindy Bean, Katherine McGinn Hall, Garaun McKenzie, Lindsey Moore, Jen O'Donnell, Michael O'Sullivan, Lucie Pecor, Carri-Ann Rock, Joe Speidel, Katherine Spence, Bridget Tully, Kenneth Viglucci

Ex Officio: Alan Shashok

Staff: Elisabeth Blair

Minutes Approval

Meeting Minutes from December were approved.

Public Comment Period

Professor Cris Mayo shared the [Interdisciplinary Studies in Education](#) (IDS) master's degree. They currently have many staff people pursuing their degrees and concentrating on a wide array of topics. Professor Mayo urges folks to consider enrolling. Students in this degree take 36 graduate credits and often use part of their coursework to pursue certificates in:

- [Interdisciplinary Disability Studies](#)
- [Trauma-Informed Practice](#)
- [Place-based Education Certificate](#)

If you'd like to have a conversation about joining IDS, please contact Prof. Mayo at Cris.Mayo@uvm.edu.

Committee Updates

Personal and Professional Committee (PPD)

Some working groups have been suspended due to the Bargaining period still going on. There are no updates yet on EDU@UVM. A large discussion was had about the Staff Council Professional Development Funds (SCPDF) and the possibility they could be made available to represented staff during the interim bargaining period. The committee is composing a letter of support for this idea.

Community Engagement Committee (CE)

Book Club is meeting later this month - *How to Pronounce Knife* – containing short stories from a woman from Laos on living in America as an immigrant. 53 people have signed up for the book club (about 15 more than last year). The food insecurity subcommittee continues to work on a collaboration with the Catamount CSA farm shares to get CSA boxes distributed this summer and fall.

Social Committee

The committee debriefed about the Holiday Bazaar - it was successful, making a total of about \$330 gross revenue. They went through some vendor survey results and discussed these. The survey indicated some

concerns about the availability of Venmo, whether bake sale prices were too high, and whether SC Representatives could have their table fees waived. They also went over a list of potential improvements.

The workspace decorating contest closed on 1/7/22. The next steps will be discussed at next week's meeting. They are discussing putting off the paint night till the Spring, due to the prevalence of the omicron variant. Lindsey A. Moore was introduced as a new SC representative and a new member of the Social Committee.

Officers' Report

The floor was opened up to representatives for any questions about the written update. There were none.

CBB can be re-established in a new form. In a meeting Jon had recently with President Garimella, he inquired about the ending of CBB and why it occurred. The UVM president can change the charter to allow a new such group to form. Only non-represented individuals will be part of this new committee, which will report directly to President Garimella. It will likely be unrelated to Staff Council. Jon will reach out to non-represented staff in order to create an ad hoc committee to discuss the details and particulars of bringing back CBB. Please reach out to Jon if you are interested.

Partnering with Dr. Ahmed in DEI

In the last monthly meeting, Jon had sought ideas for ways to partner with them, and he followed up with this question to the group.

Other Business

- A Representative suggested we consider joining the [United Way Campaign](#) this year.
- Alan noted that he'd sent out an email for a 360 Review of the SC Office staff; it is a quick process and the office staff would be grateful for your feedback.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.